**Historical Document Puppet Show**

Now that you have completed your historical document research, it’s time to create a puppet show! This document will include how to create a good puppet show as well as tell you what you need to include in your puppet show. Remember the puppet show you create represents the document you have researched!

**What makes a good puppet show:**

* Good entertainment, enjoyable, and funny
* Contains a beginning, middle, and an end
* Fast-moving, to the point, and as long as it needs to be. In other words, don’t drag it out!

**Step 1:Title of Puppet Show**

Choose a title for your play (you may not get to this until the end)

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**Step 2: Characters**

Create a list of the characters that will be included in your puppet show. Make sure each character has a name as well as personality traits (funny, serious, shy, etc.) Along with personality traits, think about the way your character will talk. Will they have an accent? Speak slow or fast? What will your character look like? Each member of your group is responsible for developing at least ONE character. ***Complete the attached worksheets A and B on your character.***

**Step 3: Setting**

Pick the setting for your puppet show. The setting should relate back to the document you have chosen. Think about where the document was written or if it was a speech, where was the speech given. ***Complete worksheet C as a group.***

**Step 4: Plot**

Identify what the problem in the story is. Every document you research was most likely written to solve a problem, so be sure to tell the audience what the problem is. Also be sure to talk about the solution to the problem. ***As a group, complete worksheet D.***

**Step 5:** **Script**

Now create a script for your story. Skip a line when a person stops talking. Start a new line on your paper whenever a new character speaks. Underline the speaker’s name and use a colon. Write only on one side of the paper. Remember you need a beginning, middle, and an end. Your play should be at least five minutes long. Be sure to include stage directions as well. Please see example below.

Example:

*Stage direction: Bob and Frank enter*

Bob: Hi, Frank!

Frank: Hi, Bob!

*Stage direction: they wave to each other*

Bob: What are you looking for?

Frank: I lost my lucky penny.

Bob: You mean this lucky penny?

Frank: Give that back to me!

*Stage directions: Frank chases Bob off stage.*